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Examiner: Geoffrey R. Akers Group Art Unit: 3625
Invention: "STOCHASTIC LOCAL SEARCH FOR COMBINATORIAL AUCTIONS"

Transmitted herewith is a Response in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
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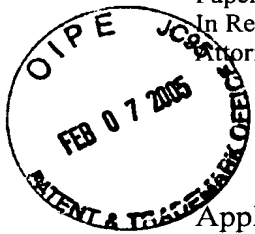
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 05, 2004, Applicants submit the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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